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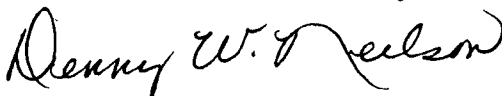
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TO THE
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To: Members of the General Assembly of South Carolina

The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, created in 1969 by Concurrent Resolution H.1286 and in 1978 made a permanent committee by Act 402 (Section 2-51-10), is pleased to submit the Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Denny W. Neilson
Chair

HOUSE MEMBERS:

Representative Denny W. Neilson
Representative Thomas N. Rhoad
Representative Elsie Rast Stuart

SENATE MEMBERS:

Senator Warren K. Giese, Vice-Chair
Senator Maggie Wallace Glover
Senator Addison G. "Joe" Wilson

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I. BRIEF HISTORY

In 1959 the first Joint Legislative Committee "to study the needs and problems relating to the aged citizens in South Carolina" was created and continued work until 1963. By 1969 the need for a committee was again evident and was created by Concurrent Resolution No. 1286. It operated under continuing resolutions until 1978 when the General Assembly found "the Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities of the Aging" fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and that the functions of the Committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent Committee," Act 402 (Code 2-51-10, 1978).

The Committee is made up of three members of the Senate appointed by the President, three members of the House appointed by the Speaker and three members appointed by the Governor. Chairing the Committee have been Rep. Martha Thomas Fitzgerald, 1959-1963; Senator Richard Riley, 1969-1976; Senator Hyman Rubin, 1977-1984 and Rep. Patrick Harris, 1984-1996. The current Chair is Rep. Denny Neilson, Dist. 56, elected February 25, 1997. Rep. Neilson has served as a member of the Committee since 1989.

Patrick B. Harris, Anderson, former chair of the Committee, was appointed in September 1996 by Gov. David Beasley to replace Robert W. Wasson, 1989-96.

In December 1996, Speaker David Wilkins reappointed Rep. Denny W. Neilson (Darlington-Chesterfield, District 56) and appointed Rep. Elsie Rast Stuart (Lexington-Orangeburg, Dist. 96) and Rep. Thomas N. Rhoad (Bamberg-Barnwell-Colleton, Dist. 90) to replace former Representatives Patrick B. Harris, 1969-96 and Dave Waldrop, 1983-1996. In February 1997, Lt. Governor Bob Peeler, President of the Senate, reappointed Senator Warren K Giese (Richland-Kershaw, Dist. 22) and Senator Maggie Glover (Florence-Marion-Dillon, Dist. 30) and appointed Senator Addison "Joe" Wilson (Lexington, Dist. 23) to replace Senator Ernie Passailaigue 1991-96.

The Committee was saddened by the death March 28th of Thomas D. Stilwell, gubernatorial appointee, 1987-97. On motion of the Committee Chair, the House adjourned May 10, 1997 in his memory.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging was the only joint study committee to be funded in 1996-97. As passed by the House and Senate, the 1997-98 Appropriation Act, Part II, Section 30, amends Sec. 2-51-10 relating to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging to require July 1, 1997 committee staff support be provided by the State Reorganization Commission and to delete authorization for mileage, subsistence, per diem and an annual appropriation. (Appendix B).

As of May 30 Keller H. Barron, Research Director 1979-97, will retire and Karen Jacobs Sprayberry, 1992-97, will no longer be Research Assistant. The Committee office will move from Suite 209 to Suite 228 Blatt Building.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The 34th Annual Public Hearing of the Committee on Aging was held in Columbia on September 18, 1996. Oral testimony was received from 39 persons and written statements from 7 persons, representing organizations, individual interests, state agencies, non-profit organizations and service delivery groups. Over 100 persons attended the hearing. Copies of the transcript were provided to the state library, the state archives and other appropriate state agencies and upon request to individuals and organizations and are on file in the Committee office.

A Public Hearing was held May 1 by the Consumer Options for Financing of Long Term Care Subcommittee. Transcript on file.

III. COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Committee met on February 25, 1997 to elect officers, receive reports and review legislative activities. Rep. Denny Neilson was elected Chair and Senator Warren Giese was elected Vice-Chair. Patrick B. Harris, gubernatorial appointee, Rep. Elsie Rast Stuart and Rep. Thomas N. Rhoad, House appointees, and Senator Joe Wilson, Senate appointee, were welcomed. The Consumer Financing of Long Term Care Subcommittee was appointed: Senator Wilson, Chair, Rep. Elsie Rast Stuart and Pat Harris, members.

Minutes of the meeting are on file in the Committee office.

IV. REPORT OF CONSUMER OPTIONS FOR FINANCING OF LONG TERM CARE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Subcommittee met March 18. Dr. Helen I. Doerpinghaus, Associate Professor of Insurance College of Business Administration, Health Policy Fellow Center for Health Services and Policy Research, Institute of Public Affairs, USC, reviewed her "Occasional Paper in Health Policy: Options for Consumer Financing of Long Term Care." This paper fulfilled Act 480, 1996. The following action plan was adopted by the Subcommittee:

- An Executive Summary will be distributed to the members of the General Assembly, with copies of the report in its entirety available on request.
- By April 1, the "Options" paper will be distributed for comment to interested parties, i.e. government agencies, organizations, academia, citizens.
- A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 1, Room 101 Blatt Building, 3:00pm to receive comment from the interested parties.
- Information will be gathered from other states and the literature by the Center for Health Services and Policy Research.
 - The staff draft of recommendations will be reviewed for accuracy by key people.
 - The staff draft will be presented to the Subcommittee by September 15th for review/revision.
- Public comment will be solicited on the recommendations.
- Legislation will be drafted for introduction as recommended by the Subcommittee and approved by the Committee as a whole.

The Public Hearing was held May 1. Eleven persons submitted testimony. A transcript of the Hearing is on file with the Committee.

V. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE

Copies of Acts, Bills, and Bill Status may be obtained from Legislative Information in Columbia, 734-2060, or 1-800-922-1539.

PENDING 1997-98 Session:

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR DIRECT CAREGIVERS IN NURSING HOMES/HOME HEALTH (S.132, H.3309)

A bill to require criminal record checks of direct caregivers employed by nursing homes and home health agencies. This information would also be provided to other facilities and agencies.

STATUS: S.132 → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs subcmte.: Senate Rose, Chair; Senator Hutto, Senator Jackson
H.3309 → Referred to House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs sbcmte.: Rep. Cave, Chair; Rep. Jordan, Rep. Pinckney

LOWER PATIENT-STAFF RATIO FOR NURSES AIDES IN NURSING HOMES (S.238)

A bill to require nursing homes to decrease the ratio of residents to direct care staff - from 11:1 on 7-3pm shift to 9 : 1, from 15 : 1 on 3pm -11pm shift to 13 to 1, 11pm to 7am shift remains same at 22 :1

STATUS: Reported out favorable with amendments from Senate Medical Affairs Committee May 14.

STATE TAXABLE INCOME DEDUCTION UP TO \$15,000 FOR INDIVIDUALS 65 YEARS AND OLDER (S.189)

A bill to provide a taxable income deduction not to exceed \$15,000 for taxpayers at least sixty-five years of age.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee Executive sbcmte.: Senator Drummond, Chair.

STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS FOR EMPLOYEES' ADULT CARE PROGRAM (S.162, H.3307)

A bill to provide employers with the same tax credit when they provide adult care programs to their employees as when they provide child day care programs.

STATUS: S.162 → Referred to Senate Finance Committee sbcmte.: Senator V.Smith, Chair; Senators Leatherman, Giese, O'Dell, Matthews; H.3307 → Referred to House Ways and Means Committee

STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE UP TO \$300 (S.161, H.3306)

A bill to give individuals who paid for themselves or others the same credit(20% up to \$300) for long term care insurance premium as presently given for nursing facilities or home/community services.

STATUS: S.161 → Referred to Senate Finance Committee sbcmte., Sen. V. Smith, Chair; Senators Leatherman, Giese, O'Dell, Matthews; H.3306 → Referred to House Ways and Means Committee

STATE COVERED ENTITIES OPTIONAL LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE AMENDMENT (S.190)

A bill to delete the requirement that members pay all the premium for long term care insurance to take advantage of federal tax incentives.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee sbcmte: Sen.V. Smith, Chair; Senators Leatherman, Giese, O'Dell, Matthews

INCREASE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS 65+ FROM \$20,000 TO \$25,000 (S.159, H.3308)

A bill to increase the current homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older, totally and permanently disabled or legally blind, from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

STATUS: S.159 → Referred to Senate Finance Committee sbcmte: Senator John Drummond, Chair; H.3308 → Referred to House Ways and Means Committee

ENFORCEMENT OF MANUFACTURED HOME PARK TENANCY ACT BY MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD (S.268)

A bill to authorize the Manufactured Housing Board to enforce the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

VI. SELECTED LEGISLATION RELATING TO AGING

DECLARATION FOR A DESIRE FOR A NATURAL DEATH, LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES TECHNICAL AMENDMENT (H.3153/R89, Act No.)

This Act changes the words "death-prolonging" procedures to "life-sustaining" procedures in the Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death.

STATUS: Enrolled for ratification

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING
TRANSFER (H.3400, Appropriation Act, Part II Permanent
Provisos, Section 30)**

To transfer statutory authority and responsibilities of Committee to State Reorganization Commission and delete funding, staff, members' mileage, subsistence, and per diem.

STATUS: Passed House/ Senate, pending Governor's approval

**DIVISION ON AGING TRANSFERRED FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, RENAMED (H.3400,
Appropriation Act, Part 1 Temporary Provisos, Section 72.72)**

A bill to transfer the Division on Aging, Office of the Governor, to the Department of Health and Human Services.

STATUS: Passed House, amended on Senate Floor to change name to Office on Aging and provide that the director of HHS must employ a deputy director as administrator. Pending Conference Committee report, Governor's approval

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE (S.254)

Under the "Uninsured Motorist Fund," this bill would require that the Department of Insurance must provide an reduction in premium charges to those individuals who are fifty-five years old or older.

STATUS: Passed Senate → House contested Calendar

**EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX INCREASES IN FAIR
MARKET VALUE ABOVE INITIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
(H.3203)**

A bill to exempt from property tax that amount of fair market value of residential property qualifying for the homestead exemption which represents increases in the fair market value of the property occurring after the property first qualifies for the homestead exemption.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Committee

**FREE USE OF STATE PARK FACILITIES, AGE REDUCED
FROM 65 TO 60 (H.3398)**

A bill to reduce the age of persons entitled to free use of state park facilities from sixty-five to sixty.

STATUS: Referred to House Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES (H.3290, S.266)

A bill to require persons age 65 to 72 years of age to receive a hunting/fishing license for \$9; to provide a person 73 years of age or older a free lifetime license.

STATUS: H.3290 → Referred to House Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee; S.266 → Referred to Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee

INCREASE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS 65+ TO \$25,000 (S.212)

A bill to raise the current homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older, totally and permanently disabled or legally blind, from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

STATUS: S.212 → Referred to Senate Finance Committee
sbcmte: Senator John Drummond, Chair

INCREASE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS 65+ TO \$40,000 (S.147)

A bill to raise the current homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older, totally and permanently disabled or legally blind, from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

STATUS: S.159 → Referred to Senate Finance Committee
sbcmte: Senator John Drummond, Chair

INCREASE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO \$150,000 FOR PERSONS 70+ (H.3081)

A bill to raise the current homestead exemption from \$20,000 to \$150,000 of fair market value of the homestead for an owner age 70+.

STATUS: H.3081 → House Ways and Means Committee

LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS AMENDMENTS (S.359)

A bill to conform the Long Term Care Administrators Board to the statutory, organizational and administrative framework established for professional and occupational licensing boards.

STATUS: Passed the Senate, favorable from House 3M Committee, debate adjourned.

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE RATES REDUCTION (H.3536)

A bill to provide a premium reduction for an automobile insurance policy when the principal operator of the insured automobile is 55 years of age or older and has successfully completed a motor vehicle accident prevention course.

STATUS: Referred to House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

STATE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND (H.3400 - Appropriation Act, Part II, Section 15)

A proviso that would move the State Property Tax Relief Fund as well as Homestead Exemption into a trust fund. This amount would be deducted from state general fund revenues and transferred to a separate trust fund that would not be available for appropriation.

STATUS: Passed the House and Senate. Pending Conference Committee report and Governor's approval.

VII. STUDIES

*** Long Term Care Insurance Home/Community Care Optional Benefit Study**

Office of the Governor, Division on Aging, in cooperation with the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging and the Department of Insurance (Act 165, Sec.3,1991). First evaluation reported to the General Assembly by the Commission on Aging September 1995. Second evaluation by aging Committee staff forwarded to Division on Aging, April 1997.

***Consumer Options for Financing Long Term Care**

Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in conjunction with the Center for Health Policy, Institute of Public Affairs, USC, to evaluate and study options for consumer financing of long-term care and to submit a report to the General Assembly (Act 480, R340,1996) . Report submitted the Subcommittee, Sen. Joe Wilson, Chair, March 25; Executive Summary submitted to

General Assembly, March 27. Action plan, see Report of Subcommittee.

*** Nursing Home Staffing**

An initial analysis of nursing home staffing data from DHEC was made in collaboration with the Center for Health Services and Policy Research in order to identify how many facilities would be affected by an increase in the minimum staffing standards and the extent of those effects. This information was useful to the Department of Health and Human Services in determining the fiscal impact to the state for Medicaid reimbursement under S.238.

VIII. ACTIVITIES

"LEGISLATIVE UPDATE" AND PAMPHLETS

The status of legislation introduced by the Committee and other selected legislation related to aging interests was summarized periodically during the session in the "Legislative Update" and distributed upon request.

The "Summary of Legislation Related to Aging Interests," (up-dated through 1996 session) was distributed to House and Senate Research, State Library, the aging network, other state libraries and organizations and individuals upon request.

The Committee also distributed the following pamphlets: 1) "Joint Legislative Committee on Aging" provides brief history, members and legislative priorities; 2) "Aging Resources" lists state organizations, agencies and legislative committees interested in aging issues; 3) "Programs and Services for the Aged" lists age-related benefits; 4) "Living Wills" and "Health Care Power of Attorney"; 5) "State of South Carolina Homestead Tax Exemption Program" compiled by Comptroller General's office; 6) "South Carolina Services Information System" brochure for seniors and all people with disabilities (1-800-922-1107).

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

Agnes Scott College

Michelle Frost joined the Committee as a Legislative Intern, with the Alumnae Intern program of the Career Planning and Counseling Department of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, January 13-17.

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Melissa Mellen, MSW candidate, interned two days a week with the Committee from August 1996 to May 1997. Her work includes the "Special Care Unit Disclosure Act" pamphlet, resident-nursing aide ratio research and the "Report on Long Term Care Insurance Home Care Option."

COMMITTEE AND STAFF LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Members of the Committee and/or staff worked cooperatively throughout the year with the Standing Committees of the House and Senate, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Governor's Office-Division on Aging, Comptroller General's Office, Department of Health and Human Services, State Library, American Association of Retired Persons, Alzheimer's Association, SC Federation of Older Americans, Seniors Legislative Coalition, Area Agencies on Aging, Councils on Aging, SC Nonprofit Homes for the Aging Association, SC Health Care Association, SC Gerontology Society, SC Gerontology Center, Capital Senior Center, Alzheimer's Resource Center Advisory Council.

Keller H. Barron, Director of Research, served on the Advance Directives Task Force of the Division on Aging and as Committee designee to the Adult Protection Coordination Council.

IX. PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were available 1996-97 from the Committee office and distributed upon request. Remaining copies have been sent to the State Library, Division on Aging, Office of the Governor and the State Archives.

- * Annual Report, Advisory Committee on Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of the Long Term Care Council; 1992
- * *Alzheimer's or Dementia Specific Care Units: Should They Be Regulated?*, 1995
- * Annual Reports 1970-1996
- * Aging Resources, 1996
- * Aging in South Carolina: Focus on Caregiving, 1993
- * Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Registry, Annual Report, School of Public Health, 1996
- * Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death form
- * *Directory of Housing for Seniors in SC*, 1994
- * *GRAY PLAGUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: Meeting the Needs of Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, Their Families and Caregivers*, Alzheimer's Task Force, November 1993
- * Health Care Power of Attorney form
- * Homestead Tax Exemption Program; Comptroller General, 1996
- * Legislative History of the "Living Will" and Health Care Power of Attorney, 1977-1993
- * Medicare Supplement Insurance Standardization Comparison of Annual Premium Rates in SC, Dept. of Insurance, 1996-97
- * Discovering SC, 1996
- * State Plan on Aging, Div. on Aging, Office of the Gov. 1997-2000
- * Summary of Legislation Related to Aging Interests Enacted Through 1996
- * Volunteers and the Law in South Carolina, Young Lawyers Division of the SC Bar, 1993

X. APPENDIX A ACT 402 to Create a Permanent Committee (R420, H.3247)(Code 2-51-10)

An Act to create a Permanent Committee to conduct continuing Studies of Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging, originally created H.1286 of 1969 and continued by concurrent resolution through 1977, fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and the functions of the committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent committee.

Section 2. There is created a permanent committee to conduct continuing studies of public and private services, programs and facilities for the aging in South Carolina and report its findings and recommendations annually to the General Assembly. Three members shall be appointed from the Senate by the President thereof, three members shall be appointed from the House of Representative by the Speaker and three member shall be appointed by the Governor. Terms of legislative members shall be coterminous with their terms as members of the General Assembly and terms of members appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing Governor.

Members of the Committee shall receive mileage, per diem and subsistence as provided by law for members of boards, committees and commissions. Expenses of the committee shall be provided by an annual appropriation in the general appropriation act.

The Legislative Council shall provide such legal services as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Approved the 14th day of February 1978.

X. APPENDIX B: H.3400, APPROPRIATION BILL, PART II,
SECTION 30, PROVISIO ON JOINT LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE ON AGING

TO AMEND SECTION 2-51-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON AGING, SO AS TO REQUIRE COMMITTEE STAFF SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE STATE REORGANIZATION COMMISSION AND TO DELETE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR MILEAGE, SUBSISTENCE, AND PER DIEM FOR MEMBERS AND THE REFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

A. Section 2-51-10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-51-10. There is created a permanent committee to conduct continuing studies of public and private services, programs, and facilities for the Aging in South Carolina and report its findings and recommendations annually to the General Assembly. Three members must be appointed from the Senate by the President thereof, three members must be appointed from the House of Representatives by the Speaker and three members must be appointed by the Governor. Terms of legislative members are coterminous with the term of the appointing Governor. The Legislative Council shall provide such legal services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties. From funds appropriated to the State Reorganization Commission in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997-98 and subsequent years, the commission shall provide all other staff support for the committee.”

B. This section takes effect July 1, 1997.

X. APPENDIX C: COUNTY/MUNICIPALITIES HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENTS TAX YEAR 1995

COUNTY	NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT
Abbeville	3,475	460,413.12
Aiken	13,683	1,296,185.64
Allendale	1,451	205,590.16
Anderson	16,622	2,228,391.38
Bamberg	2,003	311,125.13
Barnwell	2,445	267,891.62
Beaufort	9,875	1,150,016.38
Berkeley	6,320	789,560.89
Calhoun	1,333	176,634.82
Charleston	25,677	3,397,678.97
Cherokee	4,946	680,885.93
Chester	3,864	663,033.78
Chesterfield	4,296	452,476.80
Clarendon	2,862	451,376.18
Colleton	3,612	555,132.91
Darlington	6,483	800,223.92
Dillon	2,712	291,948.35
Dorchester	5,431	733,904.71
Edgefield	1,951	310,587.29
Fairfield	2,038	325,738.13
Florence	10,715	1,183,916.09
Georgetown	5,249	775,895.77
Greenville	28,905	4,437,518.27
Greenwood	7,355	932,972.53
Hampton	2,559	453,711.66
Horry	16,590	2,002,415.64
Jasper	1,420	242,831.40
Kershaw	4,687	598,308.02
Lancaster	5,161	822,762.98
Laurens	6,162	715,535.47
Lee	1,921	326,872.55
Lexington	14,272	2,317,853.60
McCormick	922	124,595.38
Marion	3,581	478,438.13
Marlboro	3,396	362,346.50
Newberry	4,940	800,516.64
Oconee	6,721	820,030.39
Orangeburg	8,047	1,333,803.61
Pickens	10,277	1,130,855.64
Richland	20,977	3,365,162.62
Saluda	1,912	310,513.73
Spartanburg	22,264	3,673,898.68
Sumter	7,776	1,154,730.69
Union	4,317	733,603.69
Williamsburg	3,299	512,093.09
York	11,655	1,542,453.09
STATE TOTALS	336,159	\$46,702,431.97

X. APPENDIX D: 1990 S. C. PERCENT OF AGE 60+ POPULATION TO TOTAL POPULATION

COUNTY	<u>60+</u>	<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Abbeville	4,669	23,862	20%
Aiken	19,296	120,940	16%
Allendale	1,911	11,722	16%
Anderson	26,503	145,196	18%
Bamberg	2,860	16,902	17%
Barnwell	3,334	20,293	16%
Beaufort	14,638	86,425	17%
Berkeley	10,977	128,776	9%
Calhoun	2,326	12,753	18%
Charleston	41,107	295,039	14%
Cherokee	7,843	44,506	18%
Chester	5,693	32,170	18%
Chesterfield	6,643	38,577	17%
Clarendon	5,103	28,450	18%
Colleton	5,915	34,377	17%
Darlington	10,012	61,851	16%
Dillon	4,807	29,114	17%
Dorchester	8,567	83,060	10%
Edgefield	3,001	18,375	16%
Fairfield	4,000	22,295	18%
Florence	17,311	114,344	16%
Georgetown	8,153	46,302	19%
Greenville	51,733	320,167	16%
Greenwood	11,059	59,567	18%
Hampton	2,971	18,191	17%
Horry	25,911	144,053	17%
Jasper	2,592	15,487	17%
Kershaw	7,279	43,599	17%
Lancaster	9,080	54,516	17%
Laurens	10,485	58,092	18%
Lee	3,008	18,437	16%
Lexington	21,056	167,611	13%
McCormick	1,566	8,868	18%
Marion	5,687	33,899	17%
Marlboro	5,019	29,361	17%
Newberry	6,636	33,172	20%
Oconee	10,842	57,494	19%
Orangeburg	14,115	84,803	17%
Pickens	14,067	93,894	15%
Richland	37,097	285,720	13%
Saluda	3,162	16,357	19%
Spartanburg	38,690	226,800	17%
Sumter	13,030	102,637	13%
Union	5,996	30,337	20%
Williamsburg	5,955	36,815	16%
York	19,250	131,497	15%
TOTAL	287,328	3,486,703	16%

X. APPENDIX E: SC ELECTION STATISTICS VOTER ACTIVITY 65 AND OVER BY COUNTY, 1996

COUNTY	TOTAL <u>REGISTERED</u>	TOTAL <u>VOTED</u>	% <u>VOTED</u>
Abbeville	2,739	1,860	67.90
Aiken	11,977	8,973	74.91
Allendale	1,179	802	68.02
Anderson	13,525	9,908	73.25
Bamberg	1,795	1,258	70.08
Barnwell	2,068	1,589	76.83
Beaufort	12,968	10,290	79.34
Berkeley	6,951	5,094	73.28
Calhoun	1,473	1,177	79.90
Charleston	26,050	19,838	76.15
Cherokee	4,359	3,040	69.74
Chester	3,183	2,205	69.27
Chesterfield	3,479	2,464	70.82
Clarendon	3,341	2,391	71.56
Colleton	3,272	2,397	73.25
Darlington	5,481	3,947	72.01
Dillon	2,555	1,554	60.82
Dorchester	5,963	4,275	71.69
Edgefield	1,996	1,481	74.19
Fairfield	2,153	1,559	72.41
Florence	9,975	7,071	70.88
Georgetown	5,788	4,312	74.49
Greenville	28,816	22,250	77.21
Greenwood	5,755	4,086	70.99
Hampton	2,144	1,556	72.57
Horry	20,279	15,480	75.94
Jasper	1,763	1,363	77.31
Kershaw	4,606	3,602	78.20
Lancaster	5,148	3,892	75.60
Laurens	5,605	3,980	71.00
Lee	2,010	1,391	69.20
Lexington	13,818	9,969	72.14
McCormick	1,140	857	75.17
Marion	3,395	2,208	65.05
Marlboro	2,742	1,688	61.56
Newberry	4,066	2,760	67.87
Oconee	6,721	5,189	77.20
Orangeburg	9,058	6,829	75.39
Pickens	7,343	5,243	71.40
Richland	22,775	16,507	72.47
Saluda	1,956	1,420	72.59
Spartanburg	19,572	13,462	68.78
Sumter	7,845	5,487	69.94
Union	3,660	2,613	71.39
Williamsburg	3,936	2,749	69.84
York	10,913	8,161	74.78
TOTALS	327,336	240,147	73.36%